



Department of Toxic Substances Control
Naval Air Weapons Station, China Lake

Open Burn/Open Detonation Treatment Facility

August 2003

Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report

Public Notice of Scoping Meeting and Public Comment Period For Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report for A Class Three Permit Modification under The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) currently seeks public comment for the California Environmental Quality Act process. This process will evaluate the Naval Air Weapons Station, China Lake application for a Class Three Permit Modification. The modification plans to add their Open Burn/Open Detonation (OB/OD) Treatment Unit to their state hazardous waste facility permit. DTSC invites you to a public meeting. It will discuss the scope of the environmental impact report (EIR).

Scoping Meeting

Tuesday August 19, 2003

7:00 PM

Kerr McGee Center

100 West California Avenue

Ridgecrest CA 93555

For information on accessibility and to request reasonable accommodations, please call Nathan Schumacher (916) 255-3650 at least one week in advance of the scoping meeting.

Naval Air Weapons Station, China Lake, located in Ridgecrest, California, treats propellant, explosive, and pyrotechnic wastes by OB/OD at the treatment unit in Burro Canyon. Burro Canyon is on the east side of the base, approximately 12 miles from the main gate.

The purpose of this scoping meeting will be to: (1) describe the OB/OD treatment unit and DTSC's EIR and permit processes; and (2) identify environmental concerns that will be addressed in this EIR.

You may comment on any potential impacts associated with the permitting of the proposed OB/OD activities. DTSC plans to address the following items in the EIR: Air Quality; Biological Resources; Geology and Soils; Hazards and Hazardous Materials; and Noise. You can also submit your written comments on the scope of the EIR. Please direct your written comments to Beverly Rikala, Department of Toxic Substances Control, Facility Permitting Branch, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California 95826. DTSC requests that you send your written comments by close of business, September 2, 2003.

The application for the Class Three Permit Modification and other documents relating to the preparation of the EIR are available for public review at:

Kern County Public Library
Ridgecrest Branch
131 E. Las Flores Avenue
Ridgecrest California 93555
(760) 375-7666

The full administrative record of all documents related to the proposed facility is available for public review at:

Department of Toxic Substances Control
Point of Contact: Beverly Rikala
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NOTICE TO THE HEARING IMPAIRED

You can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 (TDD). Ask them to contact Nathan Schumacher at (916) 255-3650 regarding China Lake Naval Air Weapons Station.